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Agenda items 2 and 3: Election of Officers, Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan Programme of Work 2016-2017 adopted by COP 19, Athens, Greece, 9-12 February 2016, the Secretariat is organizing the meeting of the MED POL Focal Points (FP) from 29-31 May 2017, at the Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters in Rome, Italy.

2. The main objectives of the meeting are to:

1. Review the activities carried out during the 2016-2017 biennium and the implementation of the three pollution related Protocols under the MED POL Programme responsibility with a particular focus on NAPs and IMAP implementation.
2. Review a number of important documents and address thematic issues related to key aspects of the MED POL mandate related to guidelines, assessment, possible new regional or updated measures etc.
3. Discuss and agree upon the activities to be implemented during the next biennium for inclusion in the MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019.

The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

3. The Meeting will be opened at 09.30 on 29 May 2017 by the Deputy Coordinator of UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan – Barcelona Convention Secretariat and the representative of the host country.

Agenda items 2 and 3: Election of Officers, Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work *UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/1; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/2; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.1*

a) Rules of Procedure

4. The rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply mutatis mutandis to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

b) Election of Officers

5. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points will elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

6. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/1 and annotated in the present document (UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.439/2) will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the meeting including the timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.

d) Organization of Work

7. Sessions are scheduled every day from 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30. It is expected that the MED POL Focal Points will address all items of the Agenda during its three days meeting. The meeting is planned to be held in Plenary Session. The meeting may consider establishing small working groups to address during breaks specific issues as appropriate for final review by the Plenary Session.

8. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions. All documentation will be in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.

9. The participants will be invited to review and adopt the meeting conclusions and recommendations, amended as appropriate, drafted by the Rapporteur. The report of the meeting will be prepared and circulated for adoption after the meeting.

10. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 17:30 on 31 May 2017.

Agenda item 4: Progress Achieved regarding the Implementation of the Programme of Work 2016-2017 related to Land Based Pollution and Governance Themes

*UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/3; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.3;
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.4; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.5;
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.6; UNEP(DEPI)/MED
WG.439/Inf.7; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.8; UNEP(DEPI)/MED
WG.439/Inf.9,*

11. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG. 439/3 which summarizes the status of implementation of the main activities carried out by the Secretariat (MED POL) during the current biennium as well as some technical aspects of the implementation of the Land Based Sources, Dumping and Hazardous Waste Protocols and related Regional Plans.

12. The Meeting will be asked to review the document, provide comments as necessary and approve as appropriate the work carried out for the implementation of the Programme of Work 2016-2017.

Agenda item 5: Status of Implementation of LBS, Dumping, Hazardous Waste Protocols and Regional Plans and related updated Reporting Formats
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/3; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/17;

13. Under this agenda item the Secretariat will present the main findings related to the information provided in the national reports, submitted by the Contracting Parties through the BCRS for the period 2014-2015 on the implementation of pollution-related Protocols.

14. The Secretariat will also introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/17, setting out the revised reporting format for the LBS, Dumping and Hazardous Wastes Protocols. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback as appropriate with the view to have the Revised Reporting Format finalized by the Secretariat and submitted to MAP Focal Points meeting.

Agenda item 6: Regional Programme of Measures to achieve Good Environmental Status; Gap Analysis and Need Assessment for New/Updated Measures
*UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/4; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.13;
 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.14, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.17*

15. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/4, comprising a gap analysis of existing regional measures related to pollution and litter, and identifying main areas, where existing measures appear not sufficient to achieve Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean Sea. The document also presents the main outcomes of the Assessment of Annexes to the Pollution-related Protocols in light of recent developments at regional and global level.

16. The Meeting is expected to review the document and provide feedback as appropriate with the view to have it finalized and submitted to the EcAp Coordination and MAP Focal Points meeting, as appropriate.

Agenda item 7: Technical Guidelines and related Assessments
*UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/5; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/6;
 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/7, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/8;
 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/9; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/10;
 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/11; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/19*

17. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present a number of documents for the consideration of the meeting:

a) Updated Guidelines on Management of Dredged Materials

18. With regards to point (a) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/5, Updated Guidelines on Management of Dredged Material, as well as document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/19, providing legal analysis of specific issues related to the Guidelines, as requested by the Regional Meeting of Experts to review the Draft Desalination and Dumping Protocol Guidelines, held in Loutraki, Greece, on 4-6 April 2017.

19. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback as appropriate with the view to have the Guidelines finalized and submitted to MAP Focal Points meeting and to COP 20 as appropriate.

b) Updated Guidelines on Placement for Artificial Reefs

20. With regards to point (b) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/6, Updated Guidelines on Placement for Artificial Reefs, as well as document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/19, providing legal analysis of specific issues related to the Guidelines, as requested by the Regional Meeting of Experts to review the Draft Desalination and Dumping Protocol Guidelines, held in Loutraki, Greece, on 4-6 April 2017.

21. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback as appropriate with the view to have the report finalized and submitted to MAP Focal Points meeting and to COP 20 as appropriate.

c) Updated Guidelines on the Management of Desalination Activities

22. With regards to point (c) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/7. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback as appropriate with the view to have the report finalized and submitted to MAP Focal Points meeting and to COP 20 as appropriate.

d) Guides on BAT Assessment and Inspection

23. With regards to point (d) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce documents UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/10, and UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/11, addressing Best Available Techniques (BAT) assessment in the national Permitting and Inspection systems.

24. The meeting is expected to review the proposed drafts and provide feedback as appropriate with the view to its approval by the MED POL Focal Points meeting.

e) Review of the main findings and policy recommendations of Dumping and Desalination related Assessment Reports

25. With regards to point (e) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce documents UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/8 and UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/9 which assess the information gathered related to dumping and desalination activities in the Mediterranean as well as propose a set of related policy recommendations.

26. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft with a particular focus on its recommendations and provide feedback as appropriate with the view to their approval by the MED POL Focal Points meeting, as appropriate.

Agenda item 8: Implementation of Decision IG 22/7 on IMAP and Articles 7 and 8 of the LBS Protocol

*UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/12; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/13;
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/14; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/15*

27. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present a number of documents for the consideration of the meeting:

a) IMAP Common Indicator Guidance Facts Sheets (Pollution and Marine Litter)

28. With regards to point (a) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/12 which presents the work done by the Secretariat and CORMON on the preparation of Guidance Fact Sheets for pollution related IMAP common indicators.

29. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback as appropriate with the view to have the fact sheets finalized and submitted to the EcAp Coordination Group meeting.

b) QSR Fact Sheet Assessment (Pollution and Marine Litter)

30. With regards to point (b) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/13 that is prepared by the Secretariat with inputs from the CORMON and partners.

31. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback as appropriate with the view to have the report finalized and submitted to the EcAp Coordination Group, and MAP Focal Points meeting as appropriate. The final online QSR is expected to be launched during COP 20.

c) Meta Data Templates for Pollution and Marine Litter

32. With regards to point (c) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/14 which contains a proposal to revise the existing meta data format for contaminants and eutrophication and a format for marine litter indicators. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and approve it as appropriate.

d) Pollution Assessment Criteria and Thresholds

33. With regards to point (d) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/15 which contains a proposal for revised and new pollution assessment criteria based on a trend analysis of the data submitted by the Contracting Parties.

34. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback and approve them as appropriate with the view to their submission to the EcAp Coordination Group and MAP Focal Points meeting and to COP 20 as appropriate.

Agenda item 9: Other Specific Issues

*UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/16; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.11;
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.12; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.16*

- a) Follow up of the implementation of the updated National Action Plans (NAPs) and Programmes of Measures (PoM)
- b) Updated List of Priority Contaminants in the Mediterranean
- c) Implementation of ENI SEIS II South and Marine Litter MED EU funded Projects
- d) Preparation of pollution related projects under the new MedProgramme funded by GEF

35. With regards to points (a-d) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/16.

36. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback and guidance to the Secretariat as appropriate.

Agenda item 10: MED POL Programme of Work 2018-2019

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/18

37. Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.439/18 that lists and briefly describes the proposed MED POL Programme of Work for the biennium 2018-2019.

38. The Meeting will be asked to review and approve as appropriate the proposed Programme of Work and mandate the Secretariat to integrate it in the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work proposal for submission to the MAP Focal Points meeting.

Agenda item 11: Any other business

39. Under this Agenda item, the participants and the Secretariat will be able to raise any other business related to the subject of the Meeting.

Agenda item 12: Conclusions and recommendations

40. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the meeting discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 13: Closure of the Meeting

41. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 hours on 31 May 2017.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Monday 29 May, 2017		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45 – 10:15	Agenda items 2 & 3: Election of Officers, Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/1; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/2; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.1</i>
10:15 – 12:30	Agenda item 4: Progress achieved regarding the implementation of the Programme of Work 2016-2017 related to land based pollution and governance themes	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/3, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.3, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.4, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.5, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.6, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.7, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.8, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.9</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 15:00	Agenda item 5: Status of implementation of LBS, Dumping, Hazardous Waste Protocols and Regional Plans implementation and related updated reporting formats	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/3, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/17</i>
15:00-16:00	Agenda item 6: Regional Programme of Measures to achieve Good Environmental Status; Gap analysis and need assessment for new/updated measures	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/4, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.13, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.14 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.17</i>
16:00 – 17:30	Agenda item 7: Technical Guidelines and related Assessments a) Updated Guidelines on Management of Dredged Materials b) Updated Guidelines on Placement for Artificial Reefs	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/5, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/6, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/19</i>
Tuesday 30 May, 2017		
09:30 – 11:00	Agenda item 7 Continued: Technical Guidelines and related Assessments c) Updated Guidelines on the Management of Desalination Activities d) Guides on BAT Assessment and Inspection e) Review of the main findings and policy recommendations of dumping and desalination related assessment reports	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/7, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/8, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/9, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/10, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/11,</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda item 8: Implementation of Decision IG 22/7 on IMAP and Articles 7 and 8 of the LBS Protocol a) IMAP Common Indicator Guidance Facts sheets (Pollution, and Litter)	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/12</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 15:00	b) QSR fact sheet assessment (Pollution and Marine Litter)	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/13</i>
15:00 – 15:30	c) Meta Data Templates for Pollution and Marine Litter	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/14 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/15</i>

	d) Pollution Assessment Criteria and Thresholds	
15:30 – 16:30	Agenda item 9: Other Specific Issues a) Follow up of the implementation of the updated National Action Plans (NAPs) and Programmes of Measures (PoM)	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/16 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.12 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.16</i>
16:30– 17:00	b) Updated list of priority contaminants in the Mediterranean	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/16, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/Inf.11</i>
17:00:– 17:30	<u>c) Implementation of ENI SEIS II South and Marine Litter MED EU funded Projects</u>	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/16,</i>
Wednesday 31 May, 2017		
09:30 – 11:00	<u>d) Preparation of pollution related projects under the new MedProgramme funded by GEF</u>	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/16</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda item 10: MED POL Programme of Work 2018-2019	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.439/18</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 15:30	Agenda item 11: Any Other Business	
15:30 - 17:30	Agenda item 12: Conclusions and recommendations	
17:30	Agenda item 13: Closure of the Meeting	